

some little variance, 'twill be easily reconciled by two such Skilful Mathematicians as Astrolabe and Plausible.

In short Gentlemen we are so conscious of our own disposition to do right to both Colonys, & at the same time so verily perswaded of Yours, that we promise to our selves an intire harmony & good Agreement. This can hardly fail, when Justice and Reason are laid down on both Sides, as the Rule & Foundation of our Proceeding. We hope the Season will prove favourable to us, but be that as it will we intend to preserve fair Weather in our Honour, believing that even the Dismal may be very tolerable in good Company, We are without the least Artifice or design.

Gentlemen,

Your most humble Servants

S. F. M.

It was afterwards agreed by the Commissioners on both Sides, to meet on the North Shoar of Coratuck Inlet, on the 5th day of the following March in Order to run the Dividing Line. In the mean time those on the Part of Virginia divided the trouble of making the necessary preparations. It fell to Steddy's Share to provide the Men that were to attend the Surveyors. For this purpose Mr. Mumford recommended to him 15 able Woodsmen, most of which had been Indian Traders. These were order'd to meet him at Warren's Mill, arm'd with a Gun & Tomahawk, on the 27th of February, & furnisht with Provisions for ten days. Astrolabe came on the 26th in Order to attend Steddy to the Place of Rendezvous. The next day they crost the River, having first recommended all they left behind to the Divine Protection. Steddy carry'd with him 2 Servants, & a Sumpter Horse¹⁹ for his Baggage. About 12 a Clock he met the Men at the New Church near Warren's Mill. He drew them out to the number of 15, & finding their Arms in good Order, He caus'd them to be muster'd by their Names as follows.

Peter Jones	Tho. Jones	John Ellis
James Petillo	Charles Kimball	John Evans
Tho: Short	Geo: Hamilton	Robert Hix
Tho: Wilson	Steven Evans	Tho: Jones Jun ^r
George Tilman	Robert Allen	John Ellis Jun ^r

¹⁹ Pack horse.